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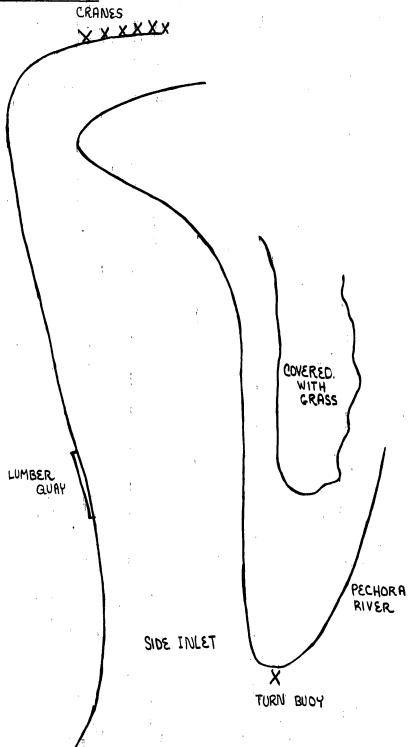
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	cargo ship was moored at the south end of the quay. There seemed to be a large store of lumber in the area near the quay.	
•	While ship lay alongside the lumber quay at Naryan Mar, a Soviet cargo vessel of 2,000 to 3,000 DWT sailed into the inner harbor. It remained in the area directly between the lumber quay and the rows of cranes. (See sketch on page 3) There were always two steam-driven paddlewheel boats in the harbor; they appeared to be combination ferries and tugboats. The larger of the two was about 200 feet long; it was painted gray and had a passenger salon forward;	25X1
	the boatdeck extended nearly the entire length of the vessel, and there were always many passengers aboard. The other was smaller and painted black, and it was not so markedly a passenger boat. these paddlewheel boats came to Naryan Mar every day. They came from upriver, swung around the turning buoy and went into the inner harbor. They returned the same way. The barges	25 X 1
	they were towing were covered and had a housing aft, in which persons were permanently quartered. The barges were empty or very lightly loaded when they came downriver. At Naryan Mar they took on a heavy cargo:	25X1
	load to have been pyrites. The loaded barges were towed up across the river. A steady stream of small barges and boats loaded with grass and hay also passed They came from places which were farther downgriver.	25X1 25X1
! p	About two nautical miles south of the quay, the side inlet bends around to the north. Around this bend there were pier installations.	25 X 1
	From the lumber quay it was possible to see four large and two small cranes. They were arranged in a row, with the two small cranes outermost at each side. the cranes seemed to remain in	25 X 1
	the same position. The larger cranes were high and looked like the usual five- ton cranes. they were electric cranes. The two outer cranes were much shorter	25X1 25X1
	Behind the cranes a few houses could be seen and the town of Naryan Mar was situated there.	25 X 1
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	The land on the opposite shore of the side inlet was completely flat. The highest part of it was covered with grass, and cows and horses were seen grazing there. The grass area ended directly across from the lumber quay, but the land continued on farther as a gravel bank. At the end of the bank there was a buoy which marked the dividing point between the main channel of the river and the inlet.	
3.	There were few buildings along the river below Naryan Mar. twelve or thirteen houses on the east side of the river a short distance below the harbor, but other than that there were practically no buildings in the area. farming was done on both sides of the river as there was cut grass there.	f
€.	The harbor workers were mostly young men. They worked in two shifts around the clock, and their wages were poor. There were two pilots aboard when the ship left the port. They left the ship at the pilot buoy, where a boat lay awaiting them.	25 X 1
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Sketch of Naryan Mar Area



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